

## TELLS CONGREGATION OF BIG CONVENTION

Services in Various Churches  
Take Up Timely Topics—  
Rev. G. W. Henry Talks on  
Prohibition Amendment.

That the National Anti-Saloon league of America has just won one of the greatest victories since the date of its inception in what has been accomplished by the work of the league convention in Washington the past week, is the statement of Rev. G. W. Henry, who returned Sunday afternoon from the Washington convention, to which he was appointed delegate from this district by State Superintendent Shumaker. In a talk at the First Christian church Sunday night, Rev. Mr. Henry gave a detailed account of the scenes in the Washington convention, dwelling particularly upon the fact that prohibition amendment has passed both the house and the senate.

The fact that the resolution has been passed was due, he said, to the untiring efforts of Capt. Richard P. Hobson, of the house of representatives who, when the petition came before the house, gave an hour's oration in argument favoring the passage of the bill, and the work of Sen. Shepherd of Texas, who spoke in its favor before the senate. The petition was presented to these two men by Purly A. Baker, president of the National Anti-Saloon league, upon the steps of the capitol building, to which the delegates from the various states had marched with representatives of the W. C. T. U. The amendment now goes to the states for ratification.

Ex-Governor Patterson of Tennessee made a powerful plea in favor of prohibition, pointing out the evil influence that the traffic had upon national and state politics. He was followed by Mrs. Lillian Stevens, world's president of the W. C. T. U., who made a short talk along similar lines.

## TALKS FROM JOHN ON LONE ISLE OF PATMOS

Pastor at St. Paul's Preaches  
"Everlasting Gospel"—His  
Evening Subject is "The  
Three Worst Bargains in  
History."

"You have read of a 'Gospel for an Age of Doubt,' of a 'Gospel for an Age of Faith.' I am this morning to speak to you of 'The Everlasting Gospel,'" said Rev. James L. Gardiner, beginning his sermon at St. Paul's M. E. church Sunday morning.

"It was while John was on the lone isle of Patmos listening perhaps to the melancholy music of the wind or the breaking of waves upon the shore that he had the vision of 'The Everlasting Gospel.' It was a Gospel without beginning for Jesus was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." It was a Gospel to whose power there was no cessation. It was a Gospel whose transforming power shall know no end. The Gospel John saw was the Gospel adapted to all ages and to all climes and to all peoples," said the preacher.

"Another note of the everlasting Gospel is this—sin is a reality. Sin is the one thing that God hates. It is the one thing that can never be condoned," the speaker went on. "We may call sin by refined names but we can never make it refined. Sin means broken hearts and estranged lives and never can be put away without passion or pain. It costs a father something to forgive. It costs a lover something to forgive. It costs them pain and suffering. It is ever thus without God. Forgiveness is not a matter of divine bookkeeping. Jesus Christ died that men might be forgiven. Measure the costs of forgiveness, then by the suffering of Gethsemane and the agony of the cross."

Talks on Bad Bargains. In the evening the Rev. Mr. Gardiner spoke on "The Three Worst Bargains Ever Made," this being the second in a series of evening sermons on "Live Topics."

He told in graphic language the story of Esau, who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.

He told of how Judas Iscariot bartered Jesus Christ for thirty pieces of silver.

Then he closed by telling the story of the rich young ruler, who, when asked by Christ to sell whatsoever he had and give to the poor, went away sorrowing because he had great possessions.

These three, he said, made bad bargains because they sacrificed spiritual things for worldly things; because they sacrificed the present for the future; and because they failed to put first things first. "Seek first," said the speaker, "the kingdom of God and his righteousness, for what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

The subject for next Sunday evening is "The Quest for the King," as set forth by Henry VanDyke in his story of "The Other Wise Man."

Gives Proof of God. "The Need of Preparation" was the title of Rev. John Mosier's sermon at the Mizpah Evangelical church on Sunday evening. He chose his text from Amos 4:12. "Prepare to meet thy God."

"It is said in the beginning of the Bible that there is a God," he said. "Everybody is supposed to believe and know that there is a divine being. Even if it were not said in the scripture, the thing would be easy to prove. We have to give an account of the things we hear and see all around us, and when we fail to account for a virtually admitting the fact that the commonest things of nature we there is one of superior intelligence and life. Everything of this earth marks the evidence of that superior intelligence."

"We must account for our sins and the most trivial efforts we make; since that is true, the great need of preparation is made apparent."



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sin. Three members were taken into the church at the morning service.

Vespers at Y. W. C. A. "Culture, power and religion for self only are not true culture, power and religion," said Rev. C. A. Lippincott in his talk on the "Happy Condition" at the Y. W. C. A. vespers Sunday afternoon. "We are measured by what we give and not what we get," he continued. "Going out of self gives a different outlook on life and leads to the road of happiness by making us well mentally and often physically. If we would be optimistic, follow in the footsteps of the great optimist, Jesus."

Vocal selections were given by Mrs. George Gall and Miss Dora Zeas.

## CHURCH PLANS TO ADD TO ACTIVITY

First Presbyterian Organization  
Increases Number of Elders  
and Deacons and Wants  
\$12,000 for Church Work.

With the increase of the number of elders to 12 and the formal ordination of four new elders, together with 12 new deacons to office, the First Presbyterian church, is planning to increase its activity in the city along missionary lines.

A fund of \$12,000 is being raised for this extension of church work, and the city will be divided into 12 districts, each under the supervision of a deacon, an elder and a woman member of the church, the three to stimulate church-going and church work in their territory.

Special attention will be given to the west end where the Hungarian Presbyterian church is now being conducted by Rev. Bela Bertok.

"We are not trying to take men away from any other church," said Rev. C. A. Lippincott in outlining work for the year at his morning sermon. "Those people, many of them are our people. Their Presbyterianism is as old as ours. There are a million Hungarian Presbyterians in the United States, descended from generations of Presbyterians."

"What does the west end see of the rest of the city? What aspect of Christian fellowship do we show them? Why the most they see of the people down town is when the politicians go out there to get votes."

We have a big foreign mission field right here in the city."

Dr. Lippincott traced the history of the authority of the elders from earliest history, and of the deacons, originally the almoners of the poor. "Yet Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was a deacon of the church," he reminded the officers, concluding with an appeal for re-consecration for Christian work.

The new elders ordained were C. D. Emmons, Rome C. Stephenson, C. A. Loring and F. H. Badet. The additional elders are: S. F. Allen, W. A. Bugbee, H. C. Crawford, Elmer Crockett, W. O. Davies, E. M. Hartman, S. M. Hatch, W. V. Martin, D. S. Marsh, E. S. Sayre and A. W. Taylor.

The new deacons are as follows: P. F. Ahrens, F. L. Chilcott, A. F. Fisher, A. P. Gaston, E. J. Harrison, Forest Hillier, H. B. Matcham, J. A. Schuler, J. I. Schafer, Crawford Staples, Dr. A. H. Thomson and J. T. Walker.

In addition new trustees to look after the civil work of the church were installed as follows: H. S. Badet, F. M. Boone, C. C. Calahan, C. E. Crockett, H. W. Eldredge, C. L. Milhouse, J. D. Oliver, Jr., G. A. Robertson, Stanley J. Stephenson, J. A. Swygart, J. W. Taylor and G. M. Witwer.

At a meeting held by the newly installed deacons and elders with Dr. Lippincott Sunday afternoon, plans were made for an interesting campaign among the congregation of the church. To facilitate the work, and to render it under a consistent form of supervision, the city was divided into 12 districts, each division being under the management of both a deacon and an elder. The object of this plan is for the new officers to keep in touch with members who live in that district both in a social and general way. To lighten the duties of the pastor, also, was a reason of this method of work.

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**"MONA LISA" IS HURT**

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FLORENCE, Italy, Dec. 15. — A close examination of the painting "Mona Lisa" has disclosed a slight abrasion on the cheek and a scratch on the left shoulder, which were received while the picture was in the hands of Vincenzo Perugia.

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LONDON, Dec. 15.—The American suffraget, Miss Zelle Emerson, of Jackson, Mich., was the central figure of a ferocious scrimmage Sunday night between the police and suffragets and their supporters in the Bow district. Miss Emerson and three men were arrested.

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